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SUBJECT: Captured Document Holdings of CIA

1. The majority of captured Japanese documents reviewed by this Agency for intelligence purposes have been declassified and turned over to the Library of Congress and the National Archives. A small number of classified documents remain and these, after review, will gradually be turned over to the National Archives. These classified documents should be retained indefinitely by the US. Because of their nature they should be exempted from any present plans for restitution and should not be finally released without the concurrence of this Agency.
2. These classified documents are only available to authorized representatives of the intelligence agencies at this time.
3. This Agency knows of no commitment regarding the restitution of captured Japanese documents.
4. This Agency holds no captured German or Italian documents.

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TO : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

DATE: 10 March 1950

FROM : Chief, Documents Control Branch

SUBJECT: Estimate of Captured Japanese Documents in FDD

1. The following report is based on a survey just completed of the former WDC material retained in the Foreign Documents Division as part of its documentary intelligence holdings. The total number of documents in question amounts to approximately 50,000 and these documents are now arranged numerically on the shelves in DCB.

2. The holdings are as follows:

A. Area Coverage: % Volumes:

China & Asia	30%	15,000
USSR & Siberia	26%	13,000
Manchuria & Mongolia	20%	10,000
Japan	18%	9,000
India & Burma	4%	2,000

B. Subject Matter Coverage: %

1) Economic %

China & Asia	15.1%
USSR & Siberia	9.9%
Manchuria & Mongolia	12.7%
Japan	11.8%
India & Burma	2.6%

Total - 52.1% of Total documents

2) Political %

China & Asia	5.4%
USSR & Siberia	1.4%
Manchuria & Mongolia	2.4%
Japan	2.4%
India & Burma	0

Total - 11.6% of Total documents

3) Military %

China & Asia	2.4%
USSR & Siberia	4.3%
Manchuria & Mongolia	.0
Japan	2.2%
India & Burma	.0

Total - 8.9% of Total documents

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4) Geographical %

China & Asia	7.9%
USSR & Siberia	11.3%
Manchuria & Mongolia	5.0%
Japan	1.7%
India & Burma	1.5%

Total - 27.4% of total documents

5) Summary Total %

Economics	52.1%	25,529
Politics	11.6%	5,684
Military	8.9%	4,361
Geography	27.4%	13,426
	100.0%	49,000

3. There are approximately 1,000 to 2,000 documents in this category located in BU [redacted] and in BF [redacted]. Documents held in BU deal primarily with the USSR, Manchuria and Siberia, while those in BF are concerned with Japan and the Southeast Pacific.

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